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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE IN CORSICA

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1. SUMMARY - VIOLENCE, IN THE FORM OF BOMBING AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, CONTINUES IN CORSICA. LATE IN THE EVENING OF JUNE 7, 1977, THE PRINCIPAL TRAIN STATION OF BASTIA WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED BY EXPLOSIVES. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT HAS NOT YET BEEN CLAIMED. END SUMMARY.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 11:35 PM, ON JUNE 7, 1977, A VIOLENT EXPLOSION ROCKED THE TRAIN STATION OF THE CITY OF BASTIA. A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE, ESTIMATED BY THE POLICE TO BE BETWEEN 600 GRS. AND ONE KILO, EXPLODED WITHIN THE TRAIN STATION RESULTING IN SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AMOUNTING TO 150.000 FRANCS(DOLLARS30,000).

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3. REACTION TO THE MOST RECENT BOMBING WAS PROMPT AND EMPHATIC. THE NEW PREFECT OF HAUTE CORSE, YVES BENTEGEAC, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TERMED THE ACT "ABSURD" BECAUSE THE RAILWAY SERVICE ON THE ISLAND BENEFITS NOBODY BUT THE CORSICANS THEMSELVES. AMONG THOSE PUBLISHING STRONG CONDEMNATIONS OF THE BOMBING OF THE STATION WERE THE

UNION FORCE OUVRIERE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAUTE CORSE AND THE RETIRED RAILROAD WORKERS UNION.

4. ALSO REGISTERING A PROTEST WAS THE CONFEDERATION GENERALE DU TRAVAIL (C.G.T.). A UNION SPOKESMAN DECLARED THAT THE ACT PLAYS DIRECTLY INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDS AS IT IS KNOWN THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF EITHER REDUCING SERVICE ON THE CORSICAN LINE OR ELIMINATING THE RAILROAD ALTOGETHER.

5. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIU DI PATRIOTI CORSI (A.P.C.), IN REGISTERING ITS PROTEST, STATED THAT THE CRIMINAL ACT SHOWS DEFINITE SIGNS OF IRRESPONSIBILITY AND PROVOCATION. THE A.P.C. ALSO BLAMED THE GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO TAKE CORSICAN DEMANDS INTO CONSIDERATION.

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